



"Upper Silver Creek/Prospector" docs to be placed in the Empire Canyon Site
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Mayor Dana Williams
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Dear Mayor,

EPA is pleased to inform you that the Silver Creek Tailings Site (Site) has recently been archived from the Superfund database. This is a result of the development of the Environmental Management System and the Soils Ordinance Program by Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC). EPA recognizes that PCMC and the local community have been dedicated to creating and maintaining an institutional control program that will protect Prospector residents for many years to come.

PCMC and EPA developed a cooperative working relationship that facilitated this very important milestone. This effort began in the 1980s when EPA's involvement in Park City was met with several obstacles that prevented the initiation of cleanup in the local area. In 1986, a rider to the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act specifically removed and exempted the Site (or Prospector Square) from proposal for the National Priorities List. To address environmental concerns, and to overcome obstacles that were preventing response actions in the area, PCMC agreed to continue environmental investigations and to institute various institutional controls (ICs) at the Site, including adoption of a local ordinance. This resolution was acceptable to EPA and Utah Department of Environmental Quality pending successful implementation of the ICs. After years of hard work EPA feels PCMC and the local community have reached this goal.

The action of archiving Silver Creek Tailings from the EPA database means that EPA has agreed that "no further Superfund work is anticipated" at the Site. EPA feels confident that PCMC will continue to implement the Ordinance into perpetuity and we are aware that there are approximately 25 properties in the current EMS-boundary that will need to be in compliance over the next two seasons.

Once again, EPA congratulates you on the successful implementation of the Soils Ordinance Program and your dedication to solving the environmental issues that exist in the Park City area. We look forward to our continued collaboration in the Silver Creek Watershed.

Sincerely,

Peggy Churchill

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Remedial Project Manager

